



# KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

19 May 2024 Pentecost Sunday  
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## Killeen Church

Sunday 19 May 10.00 a.m.

*First Holy Communion*

Sunday 26 May 10.00 a.m.

Joe Gavin, 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary and his wife, Nancy, 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Patrick and Bridget Davitt and deceased family.

## Louisburgh Church

Sunday 19 May 11.30 a.m.

Richard and Margaret Lyons, Main Street.

Austin Gill, Ballyhip.

Mary and Pa Duffy, Ballyhip.

Sadie and John Jennings, Ballyhip.

William and Eileen Ferrins.

Sonny Hester, Falduff.

Monday 20 May 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday 21 May No Mass

Wednesday 22 May 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 23 May 10.00 a.m.

Friday 24 May 10.00 a.m.

Sunday 26 May 11.30 a.m.

Mary Ball, Months Mind.

John Keaveney.

Jerry, Nancy and Sharon Houlihan.

Una Kelly, Isle of Man

Padraic Gannon, Belclare

**Liturgical Ministries Killeen:** May

**Eucharistic:** Margaret Donnelly

**Reader:** Margaret Donnelly

**Liturgical Ministries Louisburgh** 26 May

**Eucharistic:** Breege McCormack, Eileen Maxwell.

**Reader:** Imelda O Grady

**R.I.P. Pray for:** Una Kelly, nee Sammon, Isle of Man and formerly of Carramore, who died recently.

**Exam Mass** Monday 03 June at 7.30p.m. in Knock basilica: For all students and their families preparing for exams. Take some time out from your studies for a quiet moment to ask for God's strength and guidance as you move through your exam period.

**Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.**

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Archbishop Francis, 6 nights, Friday 30 August to Thursday 05 September, ex Ireland West Airport. Details & Booking: 01 241 0800.

## Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG seeking marriage preparation facilitators

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

- If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church
- If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) Closing date for applications is Friday, 03 May 2024.

## Covid / Flu / RSV / Transmissible Viruses:

Covid and other viruses remain a serious threat to the life and health of those who are vulnerable. All are asked to exercise caution out of respect to those of us who are vulnerable.

Hand Sanitiser is available at the entrances to the churches and all are requested to use it.

Facemasks are available at the doors of our churches for all who may wish to wear them; many do so in crowded settings because of an underlying medical condition or because of a compromised immune system, or they may be caring for such a person at home.

For the moment the sign of peace will not be re-introduced at Mass.

All are requested to continue to receive Holy Communion in the hand, and so avoid any possible risk of saliva, and possibly a virus, being passed on to another person on the fingers of the Eucharistic Minister.

Communion under both species will not be generally offered for the present; if requested, arrangements will be made for those with Coeliac Disease.

**Trócaire:** A total of €7,418 that was raised in the parish for the Lenten Trócaire appeal has been forwarded to Trocaire. Thanks to all for such a generous contribution to help those in need throughout the world.

*"Truly, I say to you, as you did to one of the least of these my people, you did to me."*

## Funeral Ministry

The Christian community since the earliest times has accompanied bereaved people by providing a ritual framework within which a funeral takes place.

These rites are acts of public worship at which a number of elements are involved: God is praised; the Resurrection of Jesus is proclaimed conveying the hope of being gathered together again in God's kingdom; prayers are offered for the soul of the deceased person, their body is honoured and the bereaved are consoled.

Through these rituals, which express our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus, space is offered to the bereaved family to express grief and sorrow. They also provide an opportunity to celebrate the life and memory of the deceased person.

With changing circumstances in Church we need to look at how funerals are organised and celebrated.

We need to take into account the changing reality of Irish society today, including the ageing population and ever increasing decline in the number of priests.

We must look to the immediate future when lay people will be more centrally involved in carrying out this ministry in parishes. We must also acknowledge the relative distance of many people from parish life and religious practice in recent times.

With this in mind it is proposed to move ahead with the appointment of a number of lay ministers who will assist the priest at funerals, initially with the prayers for the removal of remains from a funeral home or the home of the deceased and with the prayers for the reception of the deceased into the church.

In the event of a priest not being available these ministers could lead these prayers on behalf of the community.

The first three members of this important ministry, Helen Fahy, Mary O Malley, and Elaine Duffy have agreed to take on this responsibility.

To start one of them will, when possible, accompany the priest in leading the prayers at the removal of remains. It is hoped that others will join with them in the near future.

The diocese is also planning to run a training course for this ministry.

**Louisburgh Cemeteries Steering Committee** invites you all to an Open Day in Louisburgh Town Hall on Sunday 26 May 12.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.

A short presentation at 1.00 p.m. will explain what works have been completed since 2020 and what the next phased plans are for Kilgeever old, Kilgeever new and St. Catherine's.

A great chance to learn more about the collaboration 'meitheal' between many different volunteers in our community.

**Meals on Wheels** wish to express their sincere gratitude to Janet's Walk Committee for organising the amazing fund raiser held in the Town Hall on Easter Sunday. Our thanks also to all the sponsors and patrons who gave generously in supporting us on the day.

**Louisburgh Killeen Senior Citizens and Friday Club Annual Outing to Knock;** Friday 24 May. Coach leaving the old Convent at 11.00 a.m. All welcome. Please contact Teresa at 098 66460 or any committee member.

**Mayo Stoma Support Group** will be holding a meeting on Thursday, 23 May, at 7.00pm in the Ellison Hotel Castlebar. All are welcome. If you attending please message Christopher on 087 627 5766 with your name and number of people attending.

**Living Well** is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage their condition and improve their overall wellbeing.

Anyone with any chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety, etc. can benefit from these workshops.

The next programme is in Castlebar. it commences on Tuesday 28 May. The programme is delivered over six weekly workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) by trained leaders. Advance registration is required. To find out more, please contact Liam Gildea on 086 014 2675 or by email at [lgildea@southmayo.com](mailto:lgildea@southmayo.com)

**VAKS Programme:** Applications are now open for VAKS (Volunteer at Knock Shrine). It is an opportunity for young people in TY, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year to come to Knock for a weekend in either July or August. For further information please contact Knock Youth Ministry on 094 937 5321 or [youthministry@knockshrine.ie](mailto:youthministry@knockshrine.ie)